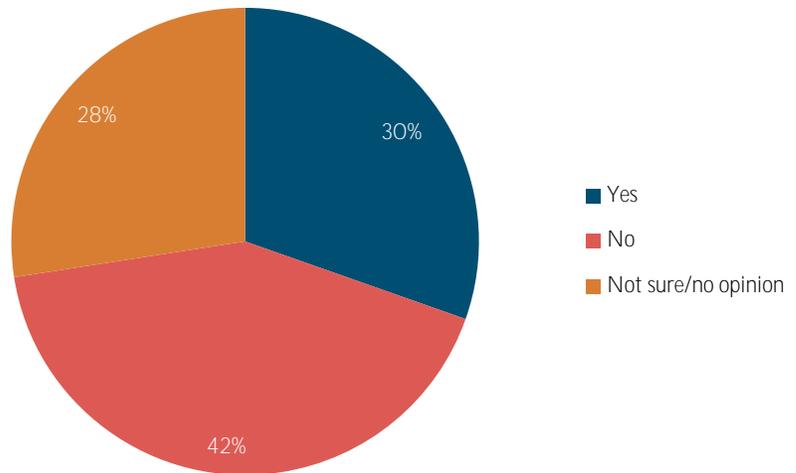


Question of the Week 6

Are there enough activities for youth, or places for youth to hang out after school, on weekends, and/or during the summer in Manitou Springs?



Yes	31
No	43
Not sure/no opinion	28
<i>Total</i>	<i>102</i>

What types of activities for youth would you like to see more of? (please explain)

- Coffee house or gathering spot that's not a bar (and not run by a cult), to encourage nighttime open mic/spoken word/music performance, etc. Our kids old enough to drive go to Jives in Old Colorado City for this on now. Can't we provide that in Manitou? Can MAC provide?
- Fitness trail with amenities like chin-up bar, etc., to encourage activity/physical challenge
- Scavenger hunt/game activities for young people
- Outdoor theater/performances at Seven Minute Spring

Businesses that cater specifically to teens, such as coffee shops, diners etc... I know it sounds like something out of the fifties and sixties but youth were able to create their own culture instead of having it created for them. All of our businesses in Manitou are tourist focused and too expensive for teens to be able to utilize them. 5\$ for a latte and 10\$ for a burger is out of reach for them.

I would like to see bike lanes (and sidewalks -- the walk up to the high school is harrowing!) so that youth can get to and from activities safely and independently.

Summer day camps of activities in parks.

Most young people like to hang out where adults are not, or at least not too many and not too much oversight. We have lots of open spaces around for them, but they also like amenities like pizza, sodas, music and such. Having places, but not alcohol-based, they can hang out, listen to music, talk and eat seems ideal to me. Being close to the skateboard park could also be a benefit. Same with the school... being close to the school would be beneficial. I used to go off-campus for my lunches back in the '60's. Funding more Concrete Couch, community-building, community-sustaining projects is a wonderful use of our monies and helps find a way for young people to channel their artistic ventures! Perhaps in the newer part of town with the URA monies?

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I probably could have answered "not sure" because I really don't know. I gave my response, however, based on my perspective that there probably is never enough good stuff for young people to do. 'Braves versus the Chiefs' since the beginning, hey? Maybe the question is "what do we do with the kids that hang out downtown?" Activities could mean jobs. Even 10 year olds want to earn money for their wish list. Not an easy answer to this question, but I do like the idea of sending out these questions. Interesting how you broke down the age group responses for this question.

free, open to everyone, in plain sight creative activities. Poetry and Pottery is an example.
a teens only place where teens can hang out safely.

I have raised two kids in Manitou -- now aged 20 and 24.

If you had a young family and wanted to move to Manitou Springs, CO you would have a difficult time finding organized programs for your off-spring.
This would be one of the web sites that I found (<http://www.areavibes.com/manitou+springs-co/livability/>) yet like most information found elsewhere, it is about the tourism and have concluded there likely are no programs available for adolescence?

Park and Rec board run programming through our parks in collaboration with city hired youth leaders.

Fun, safe, and "hang out" options for our youth. Coffee shop "youth nights" or "youth evenings." Same for library location. All about our teens/middle school and high school kids. Free or reasonably priced, easy to get to, food options, Game night or Bronco Game Time. Free parking offered.

Engagement for a trades instruction youth program with city for stonework restoration throughout the city. Also a summer civil works youth program for forest mitigation for the indefinite future.

We need a movie theatre

Outdoor clubs for kids to learn tennis, shuffle board, and such.

We have the arcade which is a fun place for kids to hang out and good coffee shops and restaurants for older kids. We also have a nice pool and work-out space but the costs may be prohibitive. I'm not sure what kids would want but perhaps the city hall building could be used for "safe" dances once a month and offer some free, come as you like kick-ball games or outside movies. .

I would like to see more opportunity for inter generational interaction with all ages working side-by-side.

team, organized fun sports/physical activities, not competitive.

Activities, events, programs to bridge and extend what they have acquired in school.

Services and volunteer opportunities to help the community by even small involvements from trash picking, taking care of gardens, small construction works to survey takers, etc. with intellectual, meaningful incentives for them (warm connections).

Free!

Rec. center or a safe, supervised place to go on weekends and after school.

My favorite sport is volleyball, so I would love to see more of that.

More organized scientific clubs such as Lego robotics

Something that involves fetes to keep kids healthy.

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Parcore
Fairs and big venues
Like a little summer hang out over summer to just play like dodge ball and flag foot ball or things like that after school and during summer
Football its not fair that seventh graders get to play it an sixth graders dont
Soccer,basketball,volley ball,ect.
A hang out area where teens can hang out with friends and get food and stuff
We'd like to see more areas targeted towards youth like more arcades perhaps?
Drawing/ art
I would like to see more drawing activities or competitions because of how some people really like to show off their art or improve their art. We do have a lot of drawings.
Parkour Park, safe long boarding, pro kids shops, the glass lowers are jerks!
More activities I would like to see more of are some skating places indoors or more ice skating places. This is because we have plenty of these places. However, it would be nice if we could have them way closer to Manitou.
Parkour areas (with block type things, not railings and walkways), skate boarding areas.
More places to hang out or play. It's always hot and there are some weird people in manitou kids want to stay away from
Art stuff
Cheaper activities
Arcade, more teen hang outs, more park for KIDS!.
Swimming, more arcade things
Art Festivals/Walks hosted by middle school/high schoolers, bringing all different classes of people together in celebration of creativity and community. Giant sheet of paper on wall for everyone to doodle on or voice important quotes. Snacks and drinks provided. Annual. Maybe once every 4-6 months
More areas to hang out.
Don't know
I would like to see safer parks, with less publicity. There are too many homeless, potentially dangerous, people in soda springs park.
Play in the playgrounds while feeling safe, hiking, biking, swimming
Hiking, and playing tag
More places to hangout like a restaurant or cafe
More social activities
More dramatic arts, jump trampoline things, skating rink

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Maybe they could make the Manitou skate park a little bigger and better. And maybe every once in a while have a carnival in Manitou.

There are enough so I think there are not many things they need to change

Swimming at the indoor pool in manitou springs, More field trips, more plays, soda springs park, mall in downtown manitou springs.

Pools and parks

Roller rink, game shop, water park

I think there should be more parks, I think there should be a fake beach theme somewhere, like lots of sand and water. There should be roller coasters. Zip lines, a mall, the sign into manitou should be bigger more colorful. There should be a big art wall where anyone can go and paint.

A parkour class would be amazing!! I can help teach with some friends.

I would like to see more team activities such as gymnastics or cycling because I believe that it's important to learn team work early on in multiple ways.

More activities where you can just go to hang out after school one day. Like sometimes I can't go to the football game after school because my parents live far away, so if there was an activity where you can just go and do with very open pick up times, that would be really cool. Clubs or something along those lines would probably work, so students could meet people interested in the same things they are.

Swimming,

I would like to have a swimming class, but not a swimming class where students race each other. This class would consist of diving, performance (underwater skill/ tricks), and technique. I enjoy using my monofin (dolphin like fin) when swimming, and my mom wanted me to be on the swim team. But I don't want to swim for speed, I want to swim for performance. For me it's just not fun to have a racing like competition. Holding my breath diving down and spinning underwater is great! And my friends and I love to create new amazing tricks! But we would do yoga, breathing, and practice before even getting in. Then we would do underwater exercise, and lastly do a performance! But we don't have a place to do it really. And getting a pass to mermaids cove, red rocks is too much! So a class here in manitou would be awesome! Where kids of all ages can do underwater skill performance! instead of having to learn breath stroke and the dolphin kick, then race. You could learn to hold your breath longer, do underwater tricks and all with a learning experience!

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More fields to play soccer, football or other sports. More places that are clean and where homeless aren't staying.

More coffee shops and cafes. Also more physical activities like maybe roller skating or something.

None

I'd like to see more parks

I have three children under the age of 7. I think there are a ton of youth activities after school. So much it's hard to decide.

More actual Parkour spots

Skate boarding

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We should get a teen center.

Volunteer opportunities for high schoolers with incentives

I would like to see more girls getting involve with robotics. I would see this happen because, I am one of two girls high school FTC team. Plus, girls can do just as good if not better than boys, and I'm tired of boys always putting girls in these boxes of you shouldn't do robotics because your a girl.

I am...

In elementary school	2
In middle school	59
In high school	1
Over 18, but a parent/guardian of someone who is under 18	4
Over 18	32

